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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT VI-2.1,
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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING FROM WILLIAM A. BROWN TO
KUVSHINNIKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR BORIS: DURING THE RECENT MEETING IN THE USA BETWEEN
PROFESSOR A. SIMONOV, DR. BURDIN AND DR. ERIC SCHNEIDER UNDER
PROJECT VI-2.1 (EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS), THE
SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED THAT TWO AMERICAN SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATE
IN A ONE- TO TWO-MONTH RESEARCH CRUISE ABOARD THE SOVIET
RESEARCH VESSEL "MOSCOW UNIVERSITY" DURING JULY WITH PORT CALLS
AT WOODS HOLE OR NARRAGANSETT AND PENSACOLA OR MIAMI. THE
SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED THAT DURING THE RUISE THERE WOULD BE INTER-
CALIBRATION OF HYDROBIOLOGICAL METHODS OF DETERMINING PRIMARY
PRODUCTION AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF PHYTOPLANKTON,
ZOOPLANKTON AND MICROBIOLOGICAL SAMPLES. THIS PROPOSAL WAS
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INCORPORATED IN THE APRIL 12 PROTOCOL SIGNED BY PROFESSOR

SIMONOV AND DR. SCHNEIDER. PROFESSOR SIMONOV AGREED TO SEND DR. SCHNEIDER A LETTER WITH FULL DETAILS SOON, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THAT LETTER.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN A LETTER DATED APRIL 21 REQUESTED STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR THE "MOSCOW UNIVERSITY" TO MAKE PORT CALLS AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (JULY 5-8), WOODS HOLE MASSACHUSETTS (JULY 18-20), AND NEW YORK (JULY 22-25). WE NOTE THAT THE TIME FRAME AND ITINERARY DIFFER FROM THOSE GIVEN IN THE APRIL 12 PROTOCOL.

4. IN CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL WE NOTE THAT UNDER THE US-SOVIET JOINT COMMITTEE ON WORLD OCEAN STUDIES THERE EXISTS A JOINT WORKING GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY AND BIOCHEMISTRY IN THE WORLD OCEANS. THE DECEMBER 21, 1974 PROTOCOL OF THAT WORKING GROUP DRAFTED BY P.A. MOISEEV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ALL UNION INSTITUTE OF MARINE FISHERIES AND OCEANOGRAPHY (VNIRO) AND W.F. ROYCE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MARINE FISHING SERVICE, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) CALLED FOR JOINT FIELD STUDIES FOR DETERMINING THE DISTRIBUTION AND ASSESSING THE BIO-RESOURCES OF THE USA ATLANTIC COAST AND THE OPEN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC AREAS. THE SAME PROTOCOL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE US-SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

5. IT SEEMS TO ME AND TO THE US SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENT THAT THIS PROPOSED RESEARCH CRUISE OFFERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE US-SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENTS ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT ONE OF THE US SCIENTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE CRUISE (DR. SUE CHEER, SPECIALIST IN ATP AND CHLOROPHYLL DETERMINATION AT THE NATIONAL WATER QUALITY LABORATORY) REPRESENT THE US SIDE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER SCIENTIST (DR. RICHARD IVERSON, DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY) REPRESENT DR. ROYCE'S WORKING GROUP UNDER THE WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENT.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE CRUISE AND TO CARRY IT OUT AS PROPOSED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCURRENCE FROM DRS. MOISEYEV AND MATALNIKOV OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENT. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SPECIFIC DETAILS INCLUDING THE NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS OF SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, THEIR ARRIVAL PLANS, THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED (E.G., WHETHER ANALYSIS AND PROCESSING OF SAMPLES WILL BE DONE ON BOARD THE VESSEL OR IN LAND LABORATORIES OR BOTH), THE INSTRUMENTATION TO BE USED BY BOTH SIDES, AND THE

COMPLETE ITINERARY OF THE VESSEL, INCLUDING US PORTS AND OTHER
PORTS IN THE AREA TO BE VISITED.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY RESPONSE.

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM A. BROWN

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